

Examiner's amendment

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Amy E. Schmid on March 03, 2010.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 9, after the words "agglutination reaction is conducted under a condition", replace the word "under which" with --of a suitable pH under which the chargeable group is in a charged state and--.

4. Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

In claim 7, line 12, after the words "agglutination reaction is conducted under a condition", replace the word "under which" with --of a suitable pH under which the chargeable group is in a charged state and--.

5. Specification (filed 4/10/06) has been amended as follows:

In specification, page 1, following the title, insert the following heading and paragraph:

Related Applications

This is a US national phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/JP04/13258 filed September 06, 2004 and claims priority from JP 2003-352669 filed October 10, 2003.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1-2 and 7-14, now renumbered as 1-10 are allowed.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shafiqul Haq whose telephone number is 571-272-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L. Shibuya can be reached on 571-272-0806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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